



Road Safety Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 49

Other provisions about offences

30 Meaning of driving without due care and attention

In the Road Traffic Act 1988, after section 3 insert—

“3ZA Meaning of careless, or inconsiderate, driving

- (1) This section has effect for the purposes of sections 2B and 3 above and section 3A below.
- (2) A person is to be regarded as driving without due care and attention if (and only if) the way he drives falls below what would be expected of a competent and careful driver.
- (3) In determining for the purposes of subsection (2) above what would be expected of a careful and competent driver in a particular case, regard shall be had not only to the circumstances of which he could be expected to be aware but also to any circumstances shown to have been within the knowledge of the accused.
- (4) A person is to be regarded as driving without reasonable consideration for other persons only if those persons are inconvenienced by his driving.”

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 30 in force at 24.9.2007 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2007/2472](#), [art. 2\(h\)](#)
- I2** S. 30 in force at 18.8.2008 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2008/1918](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

Road Safety Act 2006, Section 30 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 21 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 6 para. 8A inserted by [2016 c. 16 s. 3\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 6 para. 10A inserted by [2016 c. 16 s. 4\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 6 para. 13(9) inserted by [2016 c. 16 s. 4\(5\)](#)